BE A JUICY CREAM PUR MUGGSY M'GRAW'S DEATH-DEALING GAS BOMB TURNED OUT TO

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL, AS DOES ALSO THE RUMOR THAT PITTSBURGH IS TO HAVE A NICE, NEW MANAGER

Dreyfuss Shows Folks Who's Boss by Retaining Callahan-Old Honus Victim of Latest Managerial Hearsay-Muggsy Mild as a Dove

EVERY time the Pittsburgh ball club gets down in the race rumors emerge from the smoky village to the effect that Jimmy Callahan is about to be cannel and another manager inflicted with the job. Last summer this report was spread broadcast and Dreyfuss indignantly labeled the yarn pure and unadulterated bunk. He even went so far as to keep Callahan this year, just to prove that he knew what he was talking about. But that was last year. The 1917 model now is with us, looking new and bright and shiny. The club is in eighth place because there are no eleventh or twelfth notches to fall into, and there seems to be no hope for an upward climb into the sunlight. Something must be done at once. says the resurrected rumor, so why not fire Jimmy Callahan? The only difference between this year's and last year's story is that it appears earlier this time.

But tarry just a moment. The most recent dope is that J. Honus Wagner, that picturesque ruin who was dragged from the old homestead to indulice in the frivolous pastime a short time ago, will be the new guy at the helm and will take charge of the cutlass and pieces of eight when Jeems walks the plank. There has been no confirmation of this rumor and there shouldn't be, because it would then cease to be a rumor. That Wagner stuff, however, sounds plausible. Hans has been in the game many, many years, and should be handed a Ph. D. degree or some thing for his work. He is well versed in the various angles of the sport and would be an ideal man to manage the club. He was Fred Clarke's understudy when the team was winning pennants and finishing near the top, and there is no reason in the world why he shouldn't make good at this stage of the game. In fact, this seems to be the time for him to grab a job like that. His playing days are numbered and his-knowledge is about ripe to direct the club.

THE principal asset possessed by Wagner, however, is his popularity not only with the fans, but also with the players. He has that faculty of inspiring confidence and no doubt can get more work out of the men than any one else. Heretofore Hans has not been very anxious to be a manager, but now that he has joined the matrimony league a job like that will furnish him an excuse to stay out nights.

Instead of a Howling Cyclone, McGraw Is a Gentle Zephyr

S AN anticlimax with all the fancy trimmings, recommend us to the denoue-A ment of the McGraw episode. The Giants' well-known peppery manager was fined and suspended by President Tener, following which a breadside journalistic outburst appeared, in which President Tener was lambasted, vilified and defied. Then came the special meeting of league directors called for the purpose of seeing what might be their attitude toward the decision of the league president in punishing the Giant manager for his assault on Limpire Byron and his variously reported verbal assaults upon the league's chief.

One of the bloodiest little encounters was predicted since the Germans were forced back at Verdun. But did it come across according to schedule? Hardly, Instead of the hand grenade, the liquid fire and the asphyxiating gases, Mr. Mc-Graw sent in through the mails a sweetly scented missive. He not only didn't say anything off color about Mr. Tener, he declared, but he hadn't even read the rough stuff. He hadn't even thought anything naughty about the league boss, and if he had, he wouldn't have told a lot of imaginative and malicious newspaper acribes. The whole thing was a practical joke at his expense and he was mighty

 $\mathbf{M}^{\mathrm{ORAL}:}$ Never talk to the poor newspaper guys at all. They are looking for opportunities to get other people in trouble and to have themselves shown up as fabricators. This applies especially to partisan reporters like the flock of New York scribes who personally staked their reputations for verseity upon the now branded fake interviews with the mild-mannered and much-slandered Mr. McGraw

Weak Pitching Staff May Cost Red Sox the Pennant

UNLESS some Red Sox hurier very quickly steps out and begins to give aid and comfort to Babe Ruth and Dutch Leonard the Red Sox are due for a greased descent in the American League averages. It has been charged with more than the ordinary amount of baseball backing that these two sterling lefthanders are all there has been to the Red Sox 1917 kick. The wonderful machine that has worked in perfect harmony for several years, batting, fielding and pitching like champions every inch of a pennant fight, is developing a flat wheel,

Shore and Mays lately have been showing form and may yet full into the breach in time to carry the Red Sox down the stretch to a last-minute fight and even to another championship. There isn't much difference in the machine as it stands today compared with its status a year ago, figured from the standpoint of effectiveness in any department except pitching.

Bill Donovan, manager of the Yankees is one firm believer in the allegation that Ruth and Leonard are due for a crack. "Just wait until hot weather strikes the batters and begins ironing the kinks out of the other pitchers in this league." Bill remarked. "Then we'll see whether Babe Ruth and Dutch Lenoard will continue knocking over the opposing teams. We also will begin to find out if Ernie there and Carl Mays are going to add impetus to the Red Sox pennant flight

The difference between the Red Sox and the White Sox, generally favored in the pennant dash, lies in the hurring mound. Rowland has a first-class string of flinging youths from the first to last. No one star seems to glimmer with more brilliance than another except on certain special occasions.

THE long run and the hard, grueling test of double-heading may solve I the problem of separating Boston from its world's series monopoly

Braves Act Badly and Stallings Is Up Against It_

THE complete crumple of the Boston Braves this season suggests something more than the possible effect upon the playing ability of Stailings's men as a result of the loss of Understudy Fred Mitchell. It recalls Stallings's experience as manager of the Yankees, when utter demoralization set in, which resulted in Stallings eventually being canned in favor of Hal Chase.

Something more than the results of games is in evidence to display the fact that the Braves are now demoralized. Rumor has it from varied sources that discipline and order are lacking in the team, and names are suggested of some who are said to be openly and flagrantly violating training rules. One of Stallings's former pitching stand-bys has been too busy playing cards and otherwise dallying to give much heed to club affairs, it is alleged. Rumors were current in New York during the last series there with the Glants that the lobby of the hotel at which Stallings's men were stopping showed disregard of rules regarding hours and general behavior.

Stallings always has been known as the dominating type of manager, but he also has been recognized as one who was unskilled in the art of pulling things together once a cave-in started. The season the Braves were the league sensation they started badly, but then Fred Mitchell and Johnny Evers were on hand to lend supplementary pep and fighting stamina. Evers is left, but the flery veteran is not himself any longer and Stallings is going it alone as a leader.

THE prevailing impression about the circuit seems to be that Stallings I is not merely losing his grip on his team, but that he has already lost it. and has no chance to get things together, this season at least.

A. A. U. to Hold Regular Championship Events

THE decision of the Amateur Athletic Union to hold all regular championship events this season is a good one, and should result in helpfully contributing to patriotic aims rather than proving hurtful thereto, as was for a time feared. The decision in point has just been announced and came as a result of a mail vote recorded by the champlenship committee of the organization.

Considerable difference of opinion developed as to the manner in which the events should be contested with a view to meeting war conditions, but the consensus of opinion favored the policy of holding all contests on a championship basis. That championship competition was inclined to encourage soldierly qualities and aid in a military sense, and was, in addition, well in line with the opinion of President Wilson urging a continuance of athletic sports, were other points that prevailed in reaching a definite conclusion.

From present indications it looks as if the East is likely to get the big general A. A. U. meet this season. The event was scheduled for St. Louis, but word has come to the effect that, owing to unsettled conditions, the western authorities are inclined to pass the buck. It is understood that both Boston and Newark. N. J., are in the field for the honor of serving as pinch hosts in case St. Louis declines the honor.

THE committee in charge is now considering the matter of a change of place of the meet, and is expected to render an early decision following definite action of St. Louis authorities in calling off the event at that point.

The "Rabbit" to Play for Uncle Sam

ANOTHER major league ball player has been reported as among those who have enlisted. The second to enter the service is Walter (Rabbit) Maranville, star shortstop of the Braves, who is to wear the colors of the Naval Coast Defense. Hank Gowdy, his teammate, already has joined the Ohio National Guard, and expects to report for duty July 1. It is said that Maranville wants to be sent aboard a battleship or a torpedobat destroyer.

Two well-known golfers will wear a uniform, Phil Carter, former North and South champion and one-time Yale star, and Max Marston, of Baltusrol. Marston yesterday was eliminated in the Lynnewood Hall cup tourney, and is expected to

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



Fitte, who pitched for Detroit, fell into the net, and Lohr, who played with Cleveland last year, followed. Frank Bettger, his play-

ing manager and captain, formerly of Cin-cinnati and manager of the Media club last year, consented to play, and soon the club

There was no haggling over terms. Poth

when he made up his mind to get a player, allowed nothing to stand in his way. He paid the players the salary they demanded.

but he figured that his investment would not be a total loss. His close bargaining with the other players kept the payroll down to a respectable size and his business in-

stinct told him that enough cash customers would be on hand every Saturday to aimost

Frank Poth has been in baseball for ten

the screen and discovered that the emery

"Nothing doing," was the hot retort. "My

players will play at top speed all of the time, and I insist that they try to win every

better than we are."

There are other big league stars on the team. Joe Knotts once played in the Tristate and Southern Leagues, Murray pitched

for Holy Cross, Brown was on the Winston-

Salem and Savannah teams, and Jimmy Sharpe was with the New York Glants in

1908 and the Detroit Americans in 1915.

Harry Pierce was a Jersey City player. Ogden, the first baseman, is said to be good

enough to play on any team, but his busi-

ness connections will not permit him to play more than once a week. He formerly was captain and star pitcher for Penn Charter.

Furner and Spaulding play in the outfield

Brown shortstop and Pepoloski second base,

It is one of the strongest semipro teams

in the country and has defeated Syracuse and the famous Jersey City nine. The lat-ter club has defeated many of the National League teams in Sunday games.

dicted that the largest crowd that ever

nessed a Delaware County League game will be present. The Delaware County League was organ-

tree in 1969 by J. Borton Weeks, of Chester, and is the only incorporated semiprofessional league in the State. Mr. Weeks has been the principal factor and is re-

(Photograph filostrating this story appears in

sible for its success.

Strongest in Country

Large Crowds at Games

pay the expenses. And he was right.

was ready for the field.

POTH MAKES GOOD WITH THE FANS LEONARD STARS AS IN CHESTER; ORGANIZES BIG LEAGUE BALL CLUB AND LOSES BUT ONE GAME

New Manager Is City's Hero and Signs Dooin and Other Stars-Big Game With Upland May Decide Championship

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

mad.

FRANCE has her Joffre. Great Britain to his surprise Poth accepted. The contract was signed and now Dooin is receiving a salary surpassing that being handed our to many players in the major leagues.

But that was only the start, Lefty Baumgarden, another ex-Phil star, was next approached and he too was signed. Doe La-



recent baseball hero. The busy little city which coosts near Philadelphia is all worked up over the baseball team the entire population and declare the big league pi-

real ball club this year in the Delacague. It is the class of the organization which is operated by the skillful and effilent J. Borton Weeks, and as proof all one has to do is to look over the standings of the clubs. It will be discovered that since the season opened on May 5, Frank Poth's team has lost but one game—losing to Media on June 9. Against this defeat are seven victories, which virtually clinches he pennant for the first half of the season,

vhich ends on July 4.

A trip to Chester on a day when the he excitement attending the world's series. The stroots are thronged with eager fans and there is more baseball talk to the quare inch than any other place in the country. They love a winner in that little own, and they are not stingy in their praise for the man who furnished them with their irst blg league team.

It was last winter that Poth decided to take charge of the affairs in Chester. He was not a novice at the game, having man-aged other clubs, and he used his past experience in the new venture. He knew he needed a nucleus around which to build a dub and still was studying the problem when he met Charley Dooin, the former

"How would you like to play ball in "how would you like to play ball in "hester this summer?" asked Poth. "I am getting up a team and would like to have

Charley Dooin Signs

"Quit your kidding, retorted the sorrel-topped thrush. "I have a garage in Oak ane which is keeping me busy and I naven't time to play basemall. That's why put playing in the big league."

"I know that," replied Poth, "but busiess is business and I will make the terms atisfactory to you. How much money do ou want to play once a week?"

Dooin named his own figures, and much

Scraps About Scrappers

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

Jack Britton and Ted-Kid Lewis will meet in the literarchy ring listile hext Monday when the literarchy ring in the wests-repaid set-by

Hattling Levinsky, not so busy in the ring as n the past, sees to the post tonight. He meets cohing Howard in a twelve-rounder at Provi-tones, B. I.

Pater Cline has been seeing a lot to New York rings recently. Tought Johnsy Harvey and Saturday night should have little trouble winning for Sector. On the 25th Cline is 10 m Hommey in his third hout in nine do

Georges Carpentier May Teach Aero Flying in U.S.A.

REFEREE OF BOUT

Lightweight Champion Officiates in Wind-up at Broadway A. C.

RECEIVES AN OVATION

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

BROADWAY A. C.—Eddle O'Keefe de-eated Al Wagner, Danny Huck drew with luckles Riles, Mickey Trainor and Mice usseld drew, Young Weish knocked our rankle McFadden, Battling Leonard stopped ootsle Boyle.

Teoriale Boyle.

NEW YORK—Joe Burman outpointed Jack Sharkey. Eddie Wallnee shaded Tommy Tou-hey. Phil Franchini and George Adoms drew. Pete Hartley knocked out Joe Gibbs, second. BOSTON—Fred Fulton stopped Sam Langford, seconth, the latter's chief second tossing a towel into the ring.

There was a regular windup at the Broadway A. C. last night, but the gentlemen who occupied all of the seats and standing room around the arena paid little attention to it. Instead, they watched every move of a stender, light-footed, graceful person yearing a collariess bine striped silk shirt with the sleeves rolled up, who took the part of the referee. They were proud of the third man in the ring and at regular intervals burst into loud and healthy cheers. For once the much-abused

years, but was content to keep in the back-ground and allow the others to get the glory. He is of a naturally retlying disposi-tion and never seeks the limelight unless aroused by what he calls a "burn deal." One of those things occurred in 1915 when he managed the Clifton Heights club in the Delawara County Legans. His team was arbiter was excessively popular.

Benny Leonard was the guest of honor among the prominent clubmen who pay their weekly dues to Muggsy Taylor. Esq. The lightweight champion made a special trip to this city to officiate in his first ring battle and the Broadwayites turned out Delaware County League. His team was playing Cheater and George Muilin, the old Detroit hurier, was on the mound for the enemy. Foth noticed the peculiar delivery of Muilin and saw his hatters hitting weakly at his offerings. Confident that something was wrong. Frank stood behind the screen and discovered that the energy in huge flocks. For a couple of hours they passed the time away watching some box-ing bouts, but no one knew who won or lost Furthermore, no one seemed to care.

Receives Ovation

They were in the spotless—and there's to joke about that spotless stuff—clubball was being used. This was against the rules, so he called for one of the balls, stopped the game and entered a protest to the head of the league. He was fighting room to pay homage to the popular cham-plon and they left nothing undone. No referee ever received such an ovation in the history of boxing, and it is doubtful if it ever will happen again. When Benny and his manager, Billy

mad.
"I'll not stand for this kind of work," he wrote, "and if is up to you to throw that game out. I shall wait until Tuesday for your reply and I want a fair deal."

A meeting of the league was called and Poth's protest upheld. However, official word was not received in Clifton Heights until Wednesday, and Poth made good his threat to quit the league. He proved to all concerned that he was not bluffing. He admits it when he is wrong, but when he is in libson, were ushered into the club by Jake Weinstein, the preminent sportsman, a couple of guys were knocking the tar out of each other in the ring. Instantly the battle was forgotten and, although the parcipants in the quarrel—whoever they were continued the tar-knocking process, they might as well have been out in a back lo or some place putting on their act before an audience of blind men. Mr. Taylor's patrons stood up, craned

mits it when he is wrong, but when he is in the right a square deal is what he demands—and he usually gets it. their necks toward the door and a mighty cheer shook the rafters. They kept it up until Leonard stepped into the ring and then they almost raised the roof. It was a As many as 2000 fans squeeze their way into the Chester ball park on Saturdays, regardless of the big-league opposition in Philadelphia. The admission charge is but twenty-five and thirty-five cents and the great night at the Broadway.

Officiates for Nothing

spectators gaze upon dollar baseball. Each week the crowd gets larger, and it is be-lieved that before the end of the season the The lightweight champion is a swell ref-ered and Billy Gibson is proud of him. He seeps but of the fighters' way, shifts and park will be packed to capacity at each sidesteps with the boxers, pulls them apant when they clinch and acts like a regular third man in the squared circle. There Poth insists that his team play good base-ball at all times and will not allow the players to let up for an instant. After win-ning the first six games in a row, some one asked Frank why he didn't lone a few games, just to make the race more interestwere no arguments and everything was lovely from start to finish.

It is an unusual thing for a champion to make a special trip just to do a favor for some of his friends and receive nothing for it., Benny Leonard paid his own ex penses last night and was glad to oblige his friends. He appreciates the treatment he has received from the Philadelphia fans game they engage in. There will be no laying down as long as I have charge. The people of Chester want winning baseball, and they shall have it if only a dozen spectators show up for the games. Everybody will get a square deal, and if we lose a game it will be because the other fellows are letter than we are." n the past and little acts of kindness like that will make him the most popular light weight champion the world ever has known

FRESHIES TO APPEAR ON DARTMOUTH VARSITIES

HANOVER, N. H., June 29.—The Dart-mouth College Athletic Council has decided to waive the three-year rule and permit freshmen to participate in varsity contests.

It was decided to go shead with the usual football schedule, although no coach for the eleven has been named as yet to succeed Frank Cavanaugh, who resigned last year.



Chester's closest opponent in the pennant race is Upland, the team made famous by Frank Baker. Upland is a couple of games behind and the most important battle of the MOTORCYCLE RACES year will be staged Saturday, June 20, when the two clubs meet in Upland. Baumgartener will pitch against Chief Bender and the game will be well worth seeing. It is pre-POINT BREEZE MOTORDROME

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THIRTY-GAME PITCHERS PASSING. ONLY ALEX AND BABE APPEARING LIKELY TO COME THROUGH IN 1917

Walter Johnson's Sad Start Casts Indigo Shadowo Present Year's Record of Great Blond Moundsman-Sports to Boom After War

By GRANTLAND RICE

As for Pitchers

Johnson carries a bale of smoke;
Caldwell's slant has a two-foot drop;
Toney? You said it; Doc, SOME bloke,
One of the best in the pitching crop.
Alex's shoot has a baffling swerve,
As the records show by the roads of truth;
Slip it along to the Kings of Curve— And then again there's a guy named Ruth.

Doak's curve breaks in a mystic maze; Grab the laurel for old man Plank; Ferdy Schupp on his winning days Looks like a million in the bank. Tesreau, Perritt and Vaughn and Coombs Carry the stuff that belongs to youth; Fix the wreath for their clammy domes— And then again there's a guy named Ruth.

GROVER ALEXANDER and Babe Ruth physical recreation will be sport-baseled golf, tennis, football or what you will. to carve out ten victories. They reached the mark almost together, and from the present outlook they will be the only pitchers now extant capable of winning thirty

Last season and the year before Alexan der was the only thirty-game winner in the festive corral. The A. L.'s leading entry. Walter Johnson, fell a trifle shy. Johnson's bad start this season has cast an indigo shadow across his chances, for the National star has only bagged five victories out of thirteen, starts. hirteen starts.

With anywhere from six to ten pitchers comprising various pitching staffs, the art of winning thirty ball games a year is rading out. Alexander is almost sure to reach this mark again, and it will be in-teresting to see whether Babe Ruth can maintain his clip and also qualify. In his favor he has youth, stamina and the stuff. That should be about enough.

The Next One?

"When," asks Duffer, "will the next golf championship be played?". The prophet who can answer this question has 98 per cent on the Delphic Oracle at its best.

Britain held her last golf championships in the summer of 1914, just three years ago. Since that date she has made no attempt to revive any competition.

The next golf and tennis championships will be held when the war is over and peace is established beyond doubt. This will be when it will be, which is when no man knows.

Famous Long Walks

From the Rhine to Paris. From the plate to the bench after a strike-

From the tee to the bunker when you hook

After the War

After the war sport and the competition thereof will be the salvation of the ma-jority. Especially of those who have gone to the front. Those who have been living in the open places, attached to the thrill and excitement of a life-and-death exist-ence by the minute, will find all business occupations dull and drab for a long time. Their one reviving upbuilder for mental and

It took Ty Cobb seven and a half mor to overhaul Tris Speaker—a matter of ball games. But Tris still refuses to ball games. But Tris sti

> Queer Fish When he turns in a perfect frame. The golfer talks about his game; And when he has a rotten score He talks about it even more.

"Which is the better golfer," queries I. F. G., "Chick Evans or Francis Outmet Each one has won an open and amate championship. Taking these records as basis, each innocent bystander is entite to his own guess.

50-MILE RACE AT DROME HERE TOMORROW NIGH

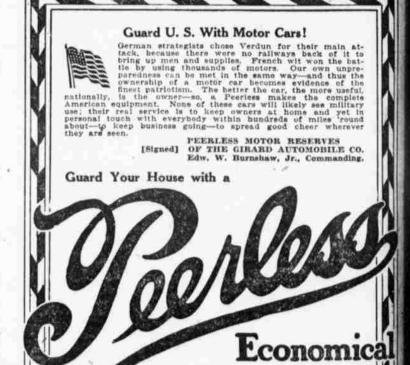
Riders Have Been Training Hard To Weeks, During Which Races Were Postponed

Tomorrow night the special fifty-mile me torpaced race will be the feature event at Point Breeze Park Motordrome. This rahas been postponed for two weeks owing rain, during which time the riders have be training on the tracks at Newark, Bots and in this city, and they are all in facondition. condition.

Vincent Madonna, the Italian chample has been training on the local track an is very anxious to show his mettle and we tonight's race. His aim is to capture title of champion of the United States to season, and from the form he has display his tryouts. Carrens and Wilesin his try-outs, Carman and Wiley will he

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